

A
TRUE NARRATIVE
OF
The undue, and greatly injurious Pro-
ceedings of one *Edward Bullock*,
late Petitioner unto the *Parliament of*
ENGLAND.

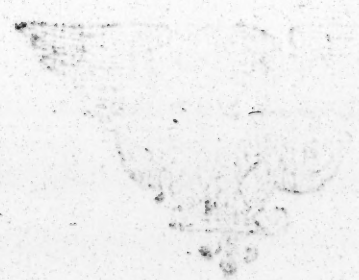
Against one VWilliam Standen, Esq.
Humbly Presented unto *The Parlia-*
ment of ENGLAND,
By WILLIAM BALL, Esq.



L O N D O N,
Prined in the Yeare, 1652.

THE HISTORY OF THE
LIFE OF
THE LATE
JAMES O'NEILL

By
JAMES O'NEILL
Author of
"THE HISTORY OF THE
LIFE OF THE LATE
JAMES O'NEILL"




Printed in the Year 1822.
LONDON.



*A true Narrative of the undue, and
greatly injurious Proceedings of one*

*Edward Bullock, late Petitioner unto the Par-
liament of England, against one William
Standen, Esq.*

 *Ne Edward Bullock in No-
vember, 1650. exhibited his
Petition to the Parliament of
England, setting forth, that one Thomas
Bullock his Unkle, had Morgaged the
Mannors of Arberfeld, and Barkham
in the County of Berks, unto one Edmund
Standen for 4000l. with Power of Re-
demption: And that by corrupt, and foule
Practices between the said Edmund
Standen, and the Lord Keeper Egerton,
the said Morgage was Ratified, on the be-
halfe of the said Edmond Standen, with-
out Paying any farther consideration for
the said Mannors: And Prayed that*

the whole Proceedings touching the said unjust Decree, And the corrupt Practices in obtaining thereof, might be Referred to a Committee to Examine.

Whereupon the Parliament by their Order, the 7. of November 1650. did refer the said Petition unto the Honourable Committee for Indempnity, to *Examine with Power to send for Persons, Papers, and Records, and to consider the length of Time, and how far forth the matter was fit for Reliefe, and to give their Opinions therein, and report it unto the House.*

At the Hearing of the said cause before the said Committee, on Thursday the 20 of Macch, 1650. the said *Edward Bullock* made no Proove at all either of any Mortgage, or corrupt Decree upon any Bill for Redemption, much lesse made he any shew of Proove or Corruption in obtaining the same Decree;
The

The Councell of the said *Edward* then ingeniously confessing, that they had mistaken their case in the said Petition, and did then insist upon a pretended Title at Law, by vertue of a certaine Conveyance, made by the said *Thomas Bullock*, before the Sale of the said Lands, made unto the aforesaid *Edmund Standen*; And also pretending that the said Lands were underfold; although the said Petitioner, and his Councell very well knew, as it was then by Councell made appeare, on the behalf of *Standen* the Defendant, that the said Precedent conveyance, was adjudged fraudulent, and within the Relief of the Statute of 29. *Eliz.* (*as being made with Power of Revocation, and with full intent to defraud any Purchaser from him the said Thomas Bullock; as by severall Decrees exemplified under the Great Seale it doth, and may appeare*) and it was so

Resolved By the Judges of *England* upon solempne Debate, and remaineth so reported in Sir *Edward Cook* his third Book, in *Twines* case (*Standen* and *Bullock*) and great reason there was, for the Judges gave Resolution on the case mentioned; *for he, or they who make a* “*Deed of Conveyance for Lands with pow-*”
 “*er of Revocation, doe when they Bar-*”
 “*gaine, and sell such Lands Implicitely,*”
 “*though not Explicitely revoke such for-*”
 “*mer Act and Deed; in regard the vertue*”
 “*of a Precedent Revocable Act, is deter-*”
 “*minable by the vertue of a subsequent*”
 “*Absolute Act.* Now let any indifferent Rationall man judge whether the said *Edward Bullock*, were not most Impudent to set forth in his Petition a *Mor-*
gage, and corrupt Decree, and afterwards to plead a Pretended fraudulent Title, and that after threescore years, and upwards: But *Bullock* suggested the mat-

ter of *Morgage*, and *corrupt Decree* in his Petition, craftily knowing or believing, that otherwaies his Petition would not have been *Read, and Referred* by the Parliament: however of what ill consequence it may prove, that any should be permitted to venture so audaciously to abuse the Parliament *with matter of un'ruth*, I submit it unto their Grave censures; as also whether it be consonant to Religion, or Reason, that the Lord Keeper *Egerton* should be scandalized *with corrupt and foule practices*, to the Dishonour of his Family, and posterity; & that Owners, & Proprietors of Lands should be damnified, or molested by false and clamorous Petitions.

At the Hearing aforesaid, *Standen* the Defendant made it appeare before the said Committee, that *Thomas Bullock* in the Petition mentioned had sold the said Mannors, and Lands outright
 gried unto

unto *Edmund Standen*, Esq. for 4000l. by Deed of Bargaine and Sale acknowledged, and Enrolled the 12. day of *June*, in the 31. yeare of *Q. Elizabeth*, with Fines, and Recoveries, and release of Interest with warranty; * Also that the said *Thomas Bullock* had a Deed of Deafeance of the Mannors, and Lands set forth in the Petition, for, and during the Tearn of his naturall life, yeelding, and paying unto the aforesaid *Edmund Standen*, his Heires or Assignes, but 150l. yearely; also that the wife of the said *Thomas* had Right, and did for Divers years enjoy Right of Dower; moreover that four Leases at the time of the sale of the aforesaid Mannors, and Lands, were in being upon undervalue. *Bullock* the Petitioner, at the said Hearing, by certaine Depositions taken in the Country, since the exhibiting of his Petition (most of the Deponents being

* It was made appeare at the Hearing, by Bill, and Answer, Exemplified under the Great Seale of *Queene Elizabeth*, That *Bullock* did acknowledge *Edmund Standen* to have beene the best Chapman he could meet withall, upon valuable consideration for the said Lands.

being of his owne Kinred, or name) made appeare onely *Herefayes*, as that such an one had heard say, that the Mannors and Lands were Morgaged by *Thomas Bullock* aforesaid, unto the aforesaid *Edmund Standen*; that such, and such had heard say, that the Lands were worth 800l. *per ann.* yearly Rent; that they had heard say, that the woods were worth, sayes one 7. another 8. another 9000l. for not any two of them agree in any one thing of their *Heare-fayes*, as by the said Depositions it doth and may appeare. Now whether Depositions of heare-fayes, ought to be Balanced with Deeds, and Records, I leave it to the judgement of All truly Rationall, and understanding men.

However; I have here inserted a true Copy taken out of the Booke of the Clerk of the Honourable Committee for Indempnity, by which may ap-
 B peare

peare the Resolutions, and Results of
that Committee touching *Bullocks*
Petition, &c.

Thursday the 30. of March, 1650. Committee for
Indemnity, *Bullock* against *Standen*.

Councell, and Evidence heard on both sides, upon
Debate.

Question put; That it doth appeare to this Commit-
tee, that there was a Morgage of, the Lands in Question.

Resolved, &c. in the Negative.

Question, that there hath beene any Evidence given
touching the obtaining of a corrupt Decree as is Com-
plained of.

Resolved, &c. in the Negative.

Ordered, that the rest of the matter of fact upon the
Evidence be drawne up, and reported to the House.

Ordered, that it be referred to Mr. *Richard Darley*,
Mr. *Moyle*, Mr. *Luke Robinson*, and Col. *Peter Temple*,
or any two of them, to examine the Case when it is
drawne up to be Reported, and present it to the Com-
mittee.

Vera Copia, &c.

After this Hearing, and the Resolu-
tions and Orders of the aforesaid Com-
mittee; the Petitioner *Bullock*, and his
Complices did for a while acquiesce;
But being of turbulent spirits, he and
they move the said Committee (con-
sisting notwithstanding of different
Per-

Persons, as often it did) that the Report depending might be examined, and presented to the Committee, &c. Albeit on their parts, *there was no matter of fact upon Evidence to be drawne up*, but onely matter of *Hearesayes* by Depositions, *the matter of fact upon the Evidence of Deeds, and Records* being only made appeare by *Standen* the Defendant: yet the Committee for Indemnity then sitting, thought fit (as it seemes) to adde some other Gentlemen to the former, to *Examine the Case, when it is drawne up to be Reported, and Present it, &c.* whereupon two of those Gentlemen issued forth a Summons, in these words following; viz.

9. of Aprill, 1652.

In pursuance of an Order of Reference from the Committee for Indemnity bearing Date the second of Aprill Instant, made in the cause betweene Edward Bullock Petitioner, and William Standen Defendant; we doe appoint to meet on Wednesday next the 14. of Aprill instant at two a Clock in the afternoone, in the Roames called the Queens Court at Westminster, to peruse and examine the

Report made by the said Committee; and hereof both Parties are to take notice, and attend us themselves or some for them accordingly.

This was Signed,

Jo: Carew.

Francis Allein.

Two Gentlemen added, as aforesaid, sat according to the Summons; And after some rather talking, then Arguments used by both Parties, viz. the Petitioner and Defendant by their Councell, the *Report* was by those Gentlemen (who were present at that time) called for to be read, and examined; The *Report* had beene drawne up onely by the Clerk of the Honourable Committee for Indemnity, who either by mistake or by compliance, inserted *the Hearesayes taken in the Depositions on Bullock the Petitioners behalfe*, (touching the valews of the aforesaid Lands, and woods) as *matter of fact upon Evidence*; which thing was different from the Order of the Committee, which saith, *that the rest of the mat-*
ter

ter of fact upon the Evidence be drawn up, and Reported unto the House: The Order saith not; That the rest of the matter of *Hearesayes* upon the Evidence be drawn up, and reported to the House, certainly there is great difference between matter of *Fact*, and matter of *Hearesayes*: Moreover the aforesaid Clerk had omitted divers things, either of purpose, or neglect which ought to have been inserted on the behalf of the Defendant; and said, when it was accordingly urged by the Defendants Councell, that he desired to compare the Report with *his Book*; The Gentlemen of the Committee, or sub-Committee aforesaid, perceiving that the matter would require some debate, and time, adjourned; And soone after the Committee for Indempnity, was

It is an hard and unheard of matter, that a Clerks Book should be in Nature of a Record, or warranty for matter of Title, &c.

dissolved by Vote of Parliament.

This is a true *Narrative* of the late Petitioner *Bullock* his proceedings, who in his Petition set Forth only a *Morgage* and *Corrupt Decree*; But at the Hearing he insisted upon a Title, adjudged *Fraudulent*, and *Null* by all the Iudges of the Land, & in almost all the Courts of Iudicature in *Westminster* (in which *William Bullock* the Petitioners Father became most notoriously vexatious to *Ed: Standen* the Purchaser, and to *William Standen* his Son, by forgery, subornation of witnesses, Riots, and such like Practices, which for their Infamy, and injury, can hardly be paralleld in many Ages, as by severall Records, & exemplifications under the Great Seales of *Q. Eliz.* and *K. James*, it doth and may appeare) and lastly at the hearing, or *Auditing* of the
Re-

Report, the Petitioner did insist upon the valews of the Lands in the Petition mentioned according to some Depositions of *Hear-fayes* of his owne Kinred, and name, lately taken; whereas the contrary (if Requisite) can be made appear; *viz.* That the Mannors, & Lands in that Petition mentioned are not worth above 600*l.* *per an.* after above 60. years emprovement; and if the said Lands were wel wooded, then were they of the lesse yearly Profit; However they that shall consider that *Bullock* had, and enjoyed a Defeasance of the Mannors, and Lands for his naturall life, (who might by course of yeares have lived a long time) that his wife had and enjoyed Right of Dower for a long continuance; that four Leases were in being upon undervalew, as aforesaid, That
the

the said Lands were situate, and being in the Forest of *Windsor*, may indifferently conclude that 4000l. was in the 31. *Eliz.* a valuable consideration. Admitting notwithstanding, that the Lands were worth more; if all that have purchased Lands at an undervalue, should by such devices, as these of *Bullock*, be molested and troubled; not any freeborne Person of this Land can be secure of his Estate. For as much as the Mannors and Lands in the Petition mentioned are claimed, and held by, from, and under me (the Authour hereof) during the terme of my naturall life (being Cozen, and heire of *William Standen* late of *Arberfeld*, Esq. Deceased) as by *Deeds, and Records* it doth, and may appeare; I have therefore Published this *Narrative*, to undeceive all, and such whom this may any way concerne.

May 31. 1652.

VVILLIAM BALL.

